

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/506,445

Applicant(s)

KURACHI ET AL.

Examiner

Thuy V. Tran

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment submitted 02/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4 and 6-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**THUY V. TRAN**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is a response to the Applicants' amendment submitted on 02/27/2006. In virtue of this amendment:

- Claims 2 and 5 are canceled; and thus,
- Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-13 are currently presented in the instant application.

#### ***Examiner's Amendment***

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

For clarity of the record of the file, the following Examiner's Amendment is made based on the information/data provided:

In the specification, page 1, below the title and above the "TECHNICAL FIELD", insert:

--This Application is a National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 claiming the benefit of PCT/JP03/09520 filed on 07/28/2003, which has priority based on JAPAN Application No. 2002-221849 filed on 07/30/2002.--

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-13 are allowed.

#### ***Reasons for Allowance***

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

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- A self-ballasted electrodeless fluorescent lamp comprising a protrusion, which supports part of the luminous bulb in a direction opposite to the base, is formed on the base portion, which allows the connection wire to be disposed spaced apart from the sealing portion, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 1 (claims 4, 6 and 8-10 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 1);
- A self-ballasted electrodeless fluorescent lamp comprising part of the case supports part of the luminous bulb, and a structure in which the connection wire is disposed spaced apart from the sealing portion is realized by lifting with the case the luminous bulb in a direction opposite to the base, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 3; and
- A self-ballasted electrodeless fluorescent lamp comprising a protrusion, which supports part of the luminous bulb in such a manner as to lift the luminous bulb in a direction opposite to the base, is formed on the base portion, which allows the connection wire to be disposed spaced apart from the sealing portion, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 7 (claims 11-13 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 7).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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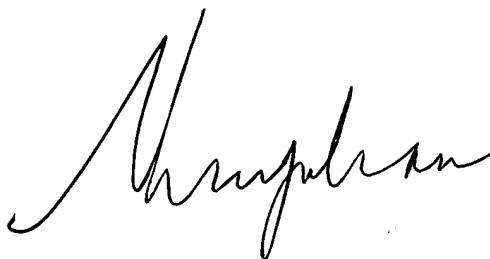
***Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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03/10/2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thuy V. Tran', is written over a light gray grid background.

**THUY V. TRAN  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**